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Letter dated 27 January 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Council of Foreign Ministers of the European Union, despite its own belief about and emphasis on the terrorist nature of the so-called Mujahideen-e-Khalq Organization (MKO), decided, on 26 January 2009, to remove the name of this notorious terrorist cult from the European Union's list of terrorist groups by invoking the judgement of the Court of First Instance of the European Court of Justice. By this move, the European Union has insulted and wounded the hearts of the bereaved families of more than 14,000 men, women and children who have fallen victim to the terrorist acts of this cult. The European Union decision has also put on display the selective approach and the double standards with which the European Union deals with the vicious menace of terrorism.

Given the requirements and the logic underpinning the international community's collective efforts to combat terrorism, including those stipulated in the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, and given the numerous terrorist acts and crimes committed by this terrorist group, which persists in its violence-based behaviour and has made no changes in its terrorist nature or in its approaches that are based on brutal armed actions, the European Union was expected to refrain from making such an unacceptable decision and to maintain this terrorist cult in the European Union's list of terrorist groups. The European Union could have addressed any possible procedural requirements raised by the European Court of Justice and could have provided the Court with further pieces of solid legal documents that so abundantly and plentifully exist and clearly prove the terrorist nature of this cult.

By making this decision, the European Union should not only be accountable to the families of those who have fallen victim to the brutal terrorist acts of the said criminal cult in Iran and Iraq, but also bear the responsibility for the negative and harmful consequences that this decision will have in undermining the collective efforts of the international community in the fight against the atrocious threat of terrorism.

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The European Union should bear in mind that such politically motivated approaches in dealing with the menace of terrorism that threatens the lives and the security of all peoples of the globe is unacceptable, is absolutely rejected by international public opinion and will not in any way serve their purpose. Undoubtedly, this decision by the European Union, which has been taken based in narrow political motives, will not change the facts related to the criminal and terrorist nature of the MKO terrorist group, and cannot lead to forgetting the said terrorist group's criminal and terrorist acts in massacring innocent people, nor will it lead to exonerating these terrorists and criminals. Undoubtedly, the international community is fully aware of the terrorist nature of this despicable cult and will not ignore the terrorist threats posed by it.

The Islamic Republic of Iran condemns this decision of the European Union and wishes to remind the European Union of the negative consequences of this unreasonable decision, and stresses that it considers this action as an unwarranted and negative move that would adversely affect the international community's fight against terrorism, and calls upon the European Union to repeal this decision.

I would be grateful if you could have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 99, and of the Security Council.

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